

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in Open Session at noon on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Hudson who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Rob Hudson announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in Session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the regular September 9, 2014, Board meeting as submitted.

The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The Board reviewed minutes from the August 12, 2014, regular meeting held at noon at the Hancock Leadership Center. No corrections were noted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No requests for public comments were received for this meeting of the Board.

RECOGNITIONS

No recognitions were held at the noon meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

The following informational reports were presented to the Board of Trustees:

- A. Goal Alignment to Board Master Calendar (presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia)
- B. Summer Programs and Technology Update presented by Mrs. Kimberly Britton (Goals #1 and #4)
- C. ACT Update Report presented by Mr. Jason Harris (TPSD Goal #1)
- D. Ad Valorem Report - Amount Received through August, 2014 presented by Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4, TPSD Policy #D Fiscal Management)

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for consideration for approval.

A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

- 1. Contractual Agreements
 - Acknowledge and Award Contracts #CO1515 through #CO1518
 - Rental of School Facilities #SFR1500 and #SFR1501
 - Ratification of Contracts #CO1510 through #CO1514 and #CO1520
- 2. Accepted Donation #2014-2015-003
- 3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grant #1501
 - Fender Music Foundation Grant, \$3,689.55
- 4. Approved Single Source/Emergency Purchase
 - #SS1503 Mountain Math/Language, LLC \$14,952.00
 - #SS1504 College Board \$5,810.00

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Eddie Peasant

- 1. Student Transfer Report (TPSD Policy JBCD Transfers and Withdrawals of Students)
- 2. Readmission of Student #44-2013-2014
- 3. Overnight Field Trip Request
 - TMS Volleyball, Jackson, MS, September 19-20, 2014

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

1. Docket of Claims

Board Member Joe Babb reviewed the Docket of claims prior to the meeting and advised that at the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board he will recommend approval of the following:

- Docket of Claims for the period August 2, 2014 through August 29, 2014, Docket of Claims #21369 through #21927, Accounts Payable Checks #13280 through #13693 in the amount of \$2,242,983.54

- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period August 2014, Checks #1522 through #1528 in the amount of \$1,117.76
- Athletic Activity check Register for the period August 2014, Checks #2028 through #2054 in the amount of \$2,054.68

The grand total for all funds is \$2,246,155.98.

2. Required Monthly Financial Reports – Month Ending July 31, 2014

Following a review of each report and discussion, on a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following financial reports:

- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Report with Budget Status
- TPSD Cash Flow Statement
- Combined Balance Sheet
- July 31, 2014 Financial Statements

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Policy E)

First Reading of Revised Policy in Section “D” of TPSD Policy Manual

Dr. Ezell introduced the following amended policies for a first reading:

- a. EBBA Staff Identification Procedures
- b. BBBCA Bomb Threats
- c. EBC Security
- d. EEA Free/Reduced Meal Services
- e. EF Data Management

C. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner (TPSD Goal #3)

Licensed Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations with addendum, for consideration for approval.

D. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3)

1. Information Items

Information was provided regarding the following items:

- Non-Negotiables Update (Dr. Peasant)
- Enrollment Update (Mrs. Britton)
- Buildings and Grounds Update (Mr. Cantrell)

- Accreditation Records Summary for 2013-2014 and Recommended Accreditation Status for School Year 2014-2015
- Dates to Remember
 - October 14 Board Meetings - Noon at HLC and 5:00 P.M. at Milam
 - November 18 Board Meetings - Noon at HLC and 5:00 P.M. at Parkway

2. Discussion of Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) Issues

This matter was discussed in Executive Session, however, no action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No action was taken at the noon meeting regarding Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business items were presented at this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics – Superintendent Gearl Loden

October 14, 2014 Board Meeting (noon, HLC and 5:00 p.m. Milam)

- School Board Meeting Dates for 2015
- District Report Card Update Report
- Test Scores (if embargo lifted)
- ADA/Enrollment Update
- 1st 9 Weeks- # of PLC's
- Athletics Program Update
- 63% Rule
- Approval of Title III English Language Acquisition Program
- Approval of Test Security Plan (if receive guidelines from MDE)
- Audit Update

B. Future Agenda Topics – Board Members

No items were requested by Board Members.

C. Executive Session

Board President Rob Hudson suggested to the School Board a temporary Executive Session to determine the need for a permanent Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and several potential litigation matters.

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary Executive Session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary Executive Session was called to order by Mr. Hudson with the following people present: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Dr. Gearl Loden, Mr. Otis Tims, Ms. Patrice Tate, and Mrs. Kelly Stimpson.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Wheeler, with a second by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing two potential litigation matters and a personnel matter. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Hudson reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss two potential litigation matters and a personnel matter.

Ms. Lea Johnson entered the meeting and a discussion was held regarding a personnel matter. After that, Ms. Johnson left the meeting.

Next, Dr. Diana Ezell entered the meeting and discussion was held regarding the first litigation matter.

Following the discussion, Mrs. Kelly Stimpson and Dr. Diana Ezell left the meeting.

Mr. Otis Tims briefed the Board on the last litigation matter. Thereafter, the Board deliberated on this last matter but no action was taken during Executive Session.

In summary, no action was taken during Executive Session on the three matters discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adjourn the meeting. The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 3:40 p.m.

September 9, 2014
Noon, Hancock Leadership Center

Tupelo Public School District
Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes
PENDING APPROVAL

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Robert L. Hudson, II, President

Joseph Babb, Secretary